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When **Tessa** arrives at the little house by the lake with her two children **Ben** and **Katherine**, it is an escape. For all of them. Never mind that the rental house is a bit small – it’s theirs for the summer. A place to hide...

Their isolation is disrupted when they meet the family from the big house next door. Three children **Charlotte, Zoe and Max** and their glamorous mother **Rebecca** – who seems absolutely determined to invite Tessa in to their lives.

But **Rebecca is harbouring a dark secret** of her own. One that will put not only her family at risk, but Tessa’s too. And when she discovers she has no option but to leave her children for several weeks, Tessa feels like the only person she can trust.

Suddenly **Tessa finds herself living a life she could only have dreamed of**. Wealth, a large brood of children, and Rebecca’s handsome husband **Josh** visiting at weekends.

But even as powerful bonds are forming between them, **secrets have a way of catching up with people**. And as the summer comes to an end, who will learn to love again and who will risk losing everything?

A gripping, twisty emotional page turner with a heartbreaking twist, for fans of Jodi Picoult, Emily Bleeker and Diane Chamberlain.

Praise for Kate Hewitt:

‘Heart-wrenching and captivating... as good as anything Jodi Picoult and Diane Chamberlain have ever written.’ *Bookish Jottings*

‘This book was so well written and genuine... Heart-wrenching, fast paced and a major tear jerker, this book is a must read.’ Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

‘This is an absolutely stunning novel... The story is told with empathy and compassion and I literally couldn’t put the book down... I found the story incredibly moving and shed tears on several occasions... I thought it was powerful, honest and an excellent, unmissable read... I am so happy that I have at last discovered this incredibly talented author.’ Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

‘Well written, touching and heart wrenching... this story will grab you and not let go.’ Goodreads reviewer

‘This is a powerful story of love and heartbreak. I read this book with tears streaming down my face in some parts. It is real, visceral and so emotional. I felt so much empathy for both the women and could understand totally their points of view... The gut-wrenching decisions that had to be made were so realistic and so poignant.’ Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

‘A very moving read... I just couldn’t put it down... loved the story and the characters. This was very well

written... even **brought tears to my eyes.**' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

'A **highly recommended read, just keep your tissues close by – you're going to need them!** ' *Stardust Book Reviews*

'**Really gripping... This is a very emotional story and I'm not ashamed to tell you I had to put this book down and step away from it a few times because I c**

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Sandy *The world could end while I was reading and I would never notice* says

EXCERPT: It all happened so quickly - a blur, the blood, screams and shock. So much shock. My mind is still spinning with disbelief, that this happened to my child, but I know if it stops spinning the guilt will rush in, along with the terror. This is all my fault. I can't escape that awful reality, that I could have stopped all of this if I'd seen it coming. . . I could have kept you safe, and I didn't.

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MY THOUGHTS: If you have ever felt envious of someone else's seemingly perfect life, then this is the read for you. It's quite odd, because just before I started reading *The Secrets We Keep* by Kate Hewitt, a friend and I had been discussing this very thing, how some people appear to just sail through life with everything falling into place while others struggle with various aspects of their lives. We came to two conclusions: either they led exemplary past lives and are being rewarded in this one, or they are masters at papering over the cracks and showing people only what they want them to see. We also decided that if the first theory is true, then neither of us have much hope for a great next life either! But, onto the book. . .

The Secrets We Keep provides a lot of food for thought. We are probably all guilty of envying someone else's life, of taking our partners and friends for granted, of wishing our children were smarter or better behaved or more socially adept. We love them, but all the same. . . there's always that 'if only' lurking in the backs of our minds. There are wonderful things about our partners and children that we don't see, because we are too busy wanting them to be what we want instead of letting them be themselves.

This book is a good reminder to see and appreciate what we have, to remember why we fell in love with our partners in the first place, to remember and honor the promises we made our children when we first held them in our arms. Although I thought it got a little 'preachy', at one point, it is a book that I enjoyed.

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